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**AMENDMENT**In the Claims:

- Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

B<sub>1</sub> 1. (second amendment) An apparatus for covering a protrusion on a roof, said apparatus comprising:

a base portion adapted for sealing to said roof and having an opening for receiving said protrusion;

a top portion having an opening for receiving said protrusion, said top portion attached to said base portion such that said openings are substantially aligned;

a break in said base portion and said top portion, said break in said base portion separating a first portion of said base portion from a second portion of said base portion, and said break in said top portion separating a first portion of said top portion from a second portion of said top portion; and

a base flap portion,

wherein said break allows said apparatus to be opened to accept said protrusion;

wherein said first portions of said base portion and said top portion are adapted to be thereafter pulled toward said second portions of said base portion and said top portion, respectively, thereby allowing the size of one, or both, of said openings in said top portion and said base portion to be adjusted to best fit around said protrusion;

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whereafter said first portions of said base portion and said top portion overlap and are properly positioned to be sealed to said second portions of said base portion and said top portion, respectively; and

wherein said base flap portion is adapted to cover at least a portion of said first portion of said base portion and at least a portion of said second portion of said base portion upon installation.

- Please cancel claim 7.

- Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

8. (first amendment) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said base flap portion extends from a bottom edge of said top portion.

- Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (first amendment) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said base flap portion is adapted to be welded over said first and second portions of said base portion.

- Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

10. (first amendment) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said base flap portion extends from a bottom edge of said top portion interposed between said first portion of said base portion and said second portion of said base portion.